

Grafton Charter Review Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2017

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Members Present:

Dennis Perron, Chairman  
Roger Currier  
Timothy McInerney  
Robert DeToma  
Donald Clark

Members Absent:

Daryl Rynning, Clerk  
Mark Haddad, Vice-Chairman

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Perron.

Chairman's note: Committee to review terms of office listed under Town Administrator's appointments and Board of Selectmen's appointments as per discussion with Board of Selectmen at their meeting. Selectman Bruce Spinney asked for consistency in listing terms as the Town Charter presently has some appointments listed with terms while others do not.

Note was made to add the Town Planner position to the list of appointments made by the Town Administrator.

A lengthy discussion followed, centered around ensuring terms and appointments could still be changed through by-law changes at Town Meeting and would not require Charter changes, and whether State laws took precedence over certain appointment terms as they may be listed in the Town Charter.

The committee decided to create a new Section 8.5 entitled "Town Administrative Organization" and add the sentence "Until such time as the Town Meeting may act, by by-law, to amend, repeal or revise them, the following provisions shall have the force of Town by-law:" and then add the list and terms of appointments made by the Board of Selectmen and by the Town Administrator.

Motion made by McInerney, seconded by DeToma, to keep all terms that are defined as such and add "indefinite" to all appointments where terms not specified. Motioned carried unanimously, 5-0.

Motion made by Currier, seconded by McInerney, to add an additional sentence under "Town Administrative Organization": "Unless otherwise set by Massachusetts General Law, terms of office are set as listed below:" Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m. by McInerney, seconded by Currier and passed unanimously 5-0.

Minutes taken by Donald Clark on behalf of Daryl Rynning, Clerk.

*Donald E. Clark*